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1. IN FIRST PUBLIC SPECULATION ON POSSIBLE CGT AFFILIATION TO ICFTU, NOTED LABOR COLUMNIST BARRAGAN OF CRONISTA COMERCIAL REPORTED ON JUNE 4 THAT CGT WOULD CONSIDER POSSIBILITY IN MEETING TO BE HELD PRIOR TO DEPARTURE ILO DELEGATION. REPORT NOTES THAT DECISION, "WHICH MUST FIRST BE APPROVED BY REFERENDUM OF THE CGT CENTRAL CONFEDERATED COMMITTEE", WOULD FACILITATE CGT ELECTION TO ILO GB.

2. BARRAGAN GAVE CONSIDERABLE PROMINENCE TO QUESTION OF ORIT. HE NOTED THAT CGT EXPECTED "DISSOLUTION OF ORIT" AND ITS REPLACEMENT BY A NEW ORGANIZATION WITHIN ICFTU WHICH WOULD PERMIT CGT TO ENJOY A "GREATER POLITICAL PRESENCE ON THE CONTINENT". CGT OPPOSITION TO ORIT WAS ALLEGEDLY BASED ON "NORTH AMERICAN HEGEMONY IN ORIT". CITED AS EXAMPLES OF NORTH AMERICAN INFLUENCE WERE: ORIT'S ACCUSATION THAT THE CGT WAS "FACIST" DURING 1948-51 PERIOD AND PERON'S SUBSEQUENT "EXPULSIONZ OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ORIT REPRESENTATIVE SERAFINO ROMUALDI; ORIT'S SUPPORT FOR 1964

COUP WHICH OVERTHREW BRAZILIAN PRESIDENT GOULART; ORIT'S "PRESUMED COMPLICITY" WITH THE "MARINES' 1965 INVASION" OF DOMINICAN REPUBLIC; AND HISTORY OF ACCUSATIONS THAT ORIT IS INFILTRATED BY CIA. ARTICLE STATED THAT CGT WOULD PROBABLY PROPOSE REPLACEMENT OF ORIT IN FORTHCOMING ICFTU CONGRESS IN MEXICO.

3. COMMENT. IT IS OBVIOUS THAT BARRAGAN HAS HAD ACCESS TO SPECIAL "SECRET" REPORT PREPARED FOR CGT TO JUSTIFY ITS AFFILIATION TO ICFTU. IT IS ALSO CLEAR THAT FACT THAT CGT HAS ALREADY REQUESTED AFFILIATION IS STILL BEING HELD EXTREMELY CLOSELY.
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